



**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS FORMS**

Accelerated Graduate Program Request

UNIVERSITY:	USD
NAME AND DEGREE (e.g., BA, BS) OF UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM:	B.S. in Health Sciences with Clinical Studies Specialization
NAME AND DEGREE (e.g., MA, MS, PhD) OF GRADUATE PROGRAM:	Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD)

University Approval

To the Board of Regents and the Executive Director: I certify that I have read this proposal, that I believe it to be accurate, and that it has been evaluated and approved as provided by university policy.

President of the University

Date

An accelerated graduate program for the purposes of this guideline is a graduate program at a Regental institution that allows a student to count courses for undergraduate and graduate credit simultaneously. Board Policy 2:8 – Level and Numbering of and Enrollment in Courses governs the transfer of courses between the undergraduate and graduate program.

Board of Regents Policy 2:5 – Transfer of Credit requires the Board of Regents to approve accelerated programs involving the transfer of thirteen (13) or more credits up to a total of twenty-five (25) total transfer credit hours at the accepting institution. In other words, an institution may create an accelerated program of one (1) to twelve (12) hours without Board approval. However, an accelerated program requires the creation of coding by the Enrollment Services Center (ESC) regardless of whether or not the accelerated program is accepting more than twelve (12) credit hours.

1. **Maximum number of credits allowed to transfer between undergraduate and graduate program:** 20 credit hours
2. **Is the response to Question 1 more than thirteen (13) credit hours?**
 Yes No
 (requires BOR approval) (does not require BOR approval)
3. **What is the proposed date (day/month/year) the accelerated program would begin?**
 August 23, 2021 [Fall 2021]
4. **Please provide a brief explanation of the accelerated program, including specific courses eligible for both the undergraduate and graduate program credit.**

The addition of accelerated 3+3 program in the B.S. in Health Sciences with Clinical Studies Specialization track will allow the undergraduate program to count 20 hours of the 1st year of OTD towards the electives in the B.S. degree (see 4-year plan guide on pages 3 & 4). The student will complete 100 hours by the end of the 3rd year towards the undergraduate degree.

The University of South Dakota
Major Credit Hour count: Core Courses 35 +
Clinical Studies Specialization 10-11 = 45-46
Major: Health Sciences, B.S. with Clinical Studies Specialization and fast track option to OTD

[2020-2021 Academic Catalog]

<u>Year / Semester</u>	SGR/Major Requirement	<u>Cr Hrs</u>
First Year - 1st Semester		
HSC 103 Introduction to Health Sciences*****	Major	1
ENGL 101 Composition I	SGR 1	3
BIOL 151/L General Biology I	SGR 6/Pre-OT	4
HSC 110 Interprofessional Health Team	Major	3
Mathematics (MATH 114 or higher)	SGR5	3
CHEM 106 Chemistry Survey w/Lab	Pre-req	4
Semester Credit Hours:		18
Second Year - 1st Semester		
HSC 310 Health Care Delivery	Major	3
PHGY 230 Anatomy & Physiology II w/Lab	Major + Pre-OT	4
HSC 380 Health Literacy / Culture Care	Major	3
SPCM 101 Fundamentals of Speech	SGR 2	3
PSYC 321: Developmental Psychology	Pre-OT	3
Semester Credit Hours:		16
Third Year - 1st Semester		
SOC 100 Introduction to Sociology	SGR 3 + Pre-OT	3
HSC 250 Healthcare Terms in the Clinical Setting	Major/Pre-OT	3
HSC 315 Intro to Public Health	Major	3
PSYC 451 Abnormal Psychology	Pre-OT	3
Physics (Recommended) or Elective		3
Semester Credit Hours:		15
Fourth Year - 1st Semester		
ANAT 711 Human Gross Anatomy	OT	6
OCTH 710 Meaning of Occupation	OT	2
OCTH 712 Structure, Movement and Occupation	OT	4
OCTH 720 Philosophical & Theoretical Found.	OT	2
PHGY 735: Human Physiology for OT	OT	4
Semester Cr Hrs		18
UG Semester Cr Hrs		10

Key:

OT Pre REQ
Major
Specialization
Transfer Back to BS Degree

*****Course is being developed as a major requirement

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 (Last Revised 08/2019)

<u>Year / Semester</u>	SGR/Major Requirement	<u>Cr Hrs</u>
First Year - 2nd Semester		
Fine Arts	SGR 4	3
PSYC 101 General Psychology	SGR 3/Pre-OT	3
HSC 305 Prof Communications	Major	3
BIOL 153/L General Biology II	SGR 6 + Pre-OT	4
PHGY 220 Anatomy & Physiology I w/Lab	Major + Pre-OT	4
Semester Credit Hours:		17
Second Year - 2nd Semester		
HSC 350 Principles of Health Care	Major	3
**STAT 281 Intro to Stats OR	Major, Spec/Pre-OT	3
PSYC 371 Stats in Psych Research OR	OT	
BIOL 420/420L Intro to Biostats w/Lab		
Advanced Composition	SGR 1	3
Humanities	SGR 4	3
Electives	Major	6
Semester Credit Hours:		18
Third Year - 2nd Semester		
HSC 360 Technology in Care Delivery	Major	3
ANAT 411 Human Gross Anatomy	Major, spec	4
HSC 450 Pt Safety-Quality Improve	Major	3
HSC 460 Leading Change	Major	3
HSC 440 Evidence Based Decision Making	Major, spec	3
Semester Credit Hours:		16
Fourth Year - 2nd Semester		
OCTH 754: Social & Political Contexts of OT	OT	2
OCTH 721 Neurological Foundations of Occupation	OT	4
OCTH 715 Occup. Performance: Childhood	OT	3
OTCH 725 Occup. Performance: Adulthood	OT	3
OCTH 780: Research Design & Data Analysis	OT	3
OCTH 781: Evidence-Based Practice	OT	1
Semester Cr Hrs		16
UG Semester Cr Hrs		10
Total Major Requirements		120



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Substantive Program Modification Form

UNIVERSITY:	University of South Dakota
CURRENT PROGRAM TITLE:	Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD) and Post Professional Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD)
CIP CODE:	51.2306
UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:	Occupational Therapy
UNIVERSITY DIVISION:	School of Health Sciences

University Approval

To the Board of Regents and the Executive Director: I certify that I have read this proposal, that I believe it to be accurate, and that it has been evaluated and approved as provided by university policy.

Elizabeth M. Freeburg

Vice President of Academic Affairs or
President of the University

8/14/2020

Date

1. This modification addresses a change in:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Total credits required within the discipline | <input type="checkbox"/> Total credits of supportive course work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Total credits of elective course work | <input type="checkbox"/> Total credits required for program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Program name | <input type="checkbox"/> Existing specialization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CIP Code | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (explain below)
Addition accelerated pathway, a 3+3 option |

2. Effective date of change (enter catalog year): 2021-2022

3. Program Degree Level:

Associate Bachelor's Master's Doctoral

4. Category:

Certificate Specialization Minor Major

5. If a name change is proposed, the change will occur:

- On the effective date for all students
- On the effective date for students new to the program (enrolled students will graduate from existing program)

Proposed new name: _____

Reminder: Name changes may require updating related articulation agreements, site approvals, etc.

6. Primary Aspects of the Modification (add lines or adjust cell size as needed):

Existing Curriculum

Proposed Curriculum (highlight changes)

Occupational Therapy, O.T.D.

Pref.	Num	Title	Cr. Hrs.	Pref.	Num	Title	Cr. Hrs.
				Core curriculum required for all students:			
ANAT	711	Human Gross Anatomy	6	ANAT	711	Human Gross Anatomy	6
OCTH	710	The Meaning of Occupation	2	OCTH	710	The Meaning of Occupation	2
OCTH	712	Structure, Movement and Occupation	4	OCTH	712	Structure, Movement and Occupation	4
OCTH	715	Occupational Performance: Childhood	3	OCTH	715	Occupational Performance: Childhood	3
OCTH	720	Philosophical & Theoretical Foundations of Occupational Therapy	2	OCTH	720	Philosophical & Theoretical Foundations of Occupational Therapy	2
OCTH	721	Neurological Foundation of Occupation	4	OCTH	721	Neurological Foundation of Occupation	4
OCTH	724	Therapeutic Use of Self & Groups	3	OCTH	724	Therapeutic Use of Self & Groups	3
OCTH	725	Occupational Performance: Adulthood	3	OCTH	725	Occupational Performance: Adulthood	3
OCTH	731	Physical & Psychosocial Health Conditions	4	OCTH	731	Physical & Psychosocial Health Conditions	4
OCTH	732	Therapeutic Adaptations to Enhance Occupational Performance	4	OCTH	732	Therapeutic Adaptations to Enhance Occupational Performance	4
OCTH	733	Promotion of Health & Prevention of Disability	3	OCTH	733	Promotion of Health & Prevention of Disability	3
OCTH	734	Environmental Influences on Occupation	3	OCTH	734	Environmental Influences on Occupation	3
OCTH	741	Professional Identity & Field Experiences I	3	OCTH	741	Professional Identity & Field Experiences I	3
OCTH	742	Preparatory Methods: Physical Agent Modalities & Orthotic Devices	4	OCTH	742	Preparatory Methods: Physical Agent Modalities & Orthotic Devices	4
OCTH	746	OT Assessment & Intervention: Adult Physical Disabilities	4	OCTH	746	OT Assessment & Intervention: Adult Physical Disabilities	4
OCTH	747	OT Assessment & Intervention: Psychosocial Practice	4	OCTH	747	OT Assessment & Intervention: Psychosocial Practice	4
OCTH	748	Interruptions to Adult Occupations	2	OCTH	748	Interruptions to Adult Occupations	2
OCTH	749	Interruptions to Adult Occupations II	2	OCTH	749	Interruptions to Adult Occupations II	2
OCTH	750	Leadership & Management in Healthcare	4	OCTH	750	Leadership & Management in Healthcare	4
OCTH	751	Professional Identity & Field Experiences II	2	OCTH	751	Professional Identity & Field Experiences II	2
OCTH	754	Social & Political Contexts of OT Practice	2	OCTH	754	Social & Political Contexts of OT Practice	2
OCTH	756	OT Assessment & Intervention: Childhood & Adolescence	4	OCTH	756	OT Assessment & Intervention: Childhood & Adolescence	4
OCTH	758	Interruptions to Childhood & Adolescent Occupations	3	OCTH	758	Interruptions to Childhood & Adolescent Occupations	3
OCTH	770	The Health Professional as Academic & Clinical Educator	2	OCTH	770	The Health Professional as Academic & Clinical Educator	2
OCTH	780	Research Design and Data Analysis	3	OCTH	780	Research Design and Data Analysis	3
OCTH	781	Evidence-Based Practice	1	OCTH	781	Evidence-Based Practice	1
OCTH	784	Scholarly Project Proposal	1	OCTH	784	Scholarly Project Proposal	1
OCTH	786	Scholarly Project (Must enroll twice, each for 1 cr)	(1) 2 req	OCTH	786	Scholarly Project (Must enroll twice, each for 1 cr)	(1) 2 req
PHGY	735	Human Physiology for OT	(1-4) 4 req	PHGY	735	Human Physiology for OT	(1-4) 4 req
OCTH	800	Capstone Proposal (Must enroll twice, each for 1 cr)	1 2 req	OCTH	800	Capstone Proposal (Must enroll twice, each for 1 cr)	1 2 req
				Subtotal			
				Student must select one of the 5 available tracks:			
				Nonspecialization			
OCTH	764	Level II Fieldwork	6	OCTH	764	Level II Fieldwork	6
OCTH	774	Level II Fieldwork	6	OCTH	774	Level II Fieldwork	6
OCTH	801	Capstone Experience Enrolls 1x for 10 cr	(4-12) 10 req	OCTH	801	Capstone Experience Enrolls once for 10 cr	(4-12) 10 req
OCTH	802	Capstone Project	2	OCTH	802	Capstone Project	1-2 2 req
				Subtotal for nonspecialization			
				24			

Specialization:

The Specialization is optional and available only to enrolled Doctor of Occupational Therapy degree-seeking students. It is awarded after successful completion of the identified program of study with a minimum of a B attained in all coursework leading to the Specialization (30 – 33 credits), and an A earned in a minimum of 24 credits.

Pediatric Specialization	Pediatric Specialization
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OCTH	764 OR 774	Level II Fieldwork	6	OCTH	764 OR 774	Level II Fieldwork	6
OCTH	775	Level II Fieldwork in Pediatrics	6	OCTH	775	Level II Fieldwork in Pediatrics	6
OCTH	811	Capstone Experience Pediatrics	10	OCTH	811	Capstone Experience Pediatrics	10
OCTH	812	Capstone Project Pediatrics	2	OCTH	812	Capstone Project Pediatrics	2
Elective: Choose One				Elective: Choose One			
OCTH	759	Trauma Informed Care	3	OCTH	759	Trauma Informed Care	3
OCTH	592	Special Topic	3	OCTH	592	Special Topic	3
ANAT	712	Embryology	2	ANAT	712	Embryology	2
Students must achieve a minimum of a 3.0 in OCTH 715, OCTH 756, OCTH 775, OCTH 784, OCTH 786, OCTH 800, OCTH 811, OCTH 812, and the elective course with a minimum of 24 credits earned at a 4.0. Focus of research project in OCTH 784 and OCTH 786 and capstone proposal in OCTH 800 must be in Pediatrics				Students must achieve a minimum of a 3.0 in OCTH 715, OCTH 756, OCTH 775, OCTH 784, OCTH 786, OCTH 800, OCTH 811, OCTH 812, and the elective course with a minimum of 24 credits earned at a 4.0. Focus of research project in OCTH 784 and OCTH 786 and capstone proposal in OCTH 800 must be in Pediatrics			
Subtotal for pediatric specialization (including core curriculum coursework required as part of the specialization)			32-33	Subtotal for pediatric specialization (including core curriculum coursework required as part of the specialization)			32-33
Total number of hours required for degree + Pediatric Specialization			116-117	Total number of hours required for degree + Pediatric Specialization			116-117

Neuroscience & Rehabilitation Specialization				Neuroscience & Rehabilitation Specialization			
OCTH	764 OR 774	Level II Fieldwork	6	OCTH	764 OR 774	Level II Fieldwork	6
OCTH	776	Level II Fieldwork in Neuro Rehabilitation	6	OCTH	776	Level II Fieldwork in Neuro Rehabilitation	6
OCTH	821	Capstone Experience in Neuro Rehabilitation	10	OCTH	821	Capstone Experience in Neuro Rehabilitation	10
OCTH	822	Capstone Project in Neuro Rehabilitation	2	OCTH	822	Capstone Project in Neuro Rehabilitation	2
OCTH	792	The Home Environment	3	OCTH	792	The Home Environment	3
Students must achieve a minimum of a 3.0 in OCTH 721, OCTH 776, OCTH 784, OCTH 786, OCTH 800, OCTH 821, OCTH 822, and OCTH 792 with a minimum of 24 credits earned at a 4.0. Focus of research project in OCTH 784 and OCTH 786 and capstone proposal in OCTH 800 must be in Neuroscience & Rehabilitation				Students must achieve a minimum of a 3.0 in OCTH 721, OCTH 776, OCTH 784, OCTH 786, OCTH 800, OCTH 821, OCTH 822, and OCTH 792 with a minimum of 24 credits earned at a 4.0. Focus of research project in OCTH 784 and OCTH 786 and capstone proposal in OCTH 800 must be in Neuroscience & Rehabilitation			
Subtotal for Neuroscience & Rehabilitation specialization (including core curriculum coursework required as part of the specialization)			30	Subtotal for Neuroscience & Rehabilitation specialization (including core curriculum coursework required as part of the specialization)			30
Total number of hours required for degree + Neuroscience & Rehabilitation Specialization			117	Total number of hours required for degree + Neuroscience & Rehabilitation Specialization			117

Mental Health Specialization				Mental Health Specialization			
OCTH	764 OR 774	Level II Fieldwork	6	OCTH	764 OR 774	Level II Fieldwork	6
OCTH	777	Level II Fieldwork in Mental Health	6	OCTH	777	Level II Fieldwork in Mental Health	6
OCTH	831	Capstone Experience in Mental Health	10	OCTH	831	Capstone Experience in Mental Health	10
OCTH	832	Capstone Project in Mental Health	2	OCTH	832	Capstone Project in Mental Health	2
Elective (choose one)				Elective (choose one)			
OCTH	759	Trauma Informed Care	3	OCTH	759	Trauma Informed Care	3
OCTH	592	Special Topic	3	OCTH	592	Special Topic	3
Students must achieve a minimum of a 3.0 in OCTH 747, OCTH 777, OCTH 784, OCTH 786, OCTH 800, OCTH 831, OCTH 832, and the elective course with a minimum of 24 credits earned at a 4.0. Focus of research project in OCTH 784 and OCTH 786 and capstone proposal in OCTH 800 must be in Mental Health.				Students must achieve a minimum of a 3.0 in OCTH 747, OCTH 777, OCTH 784, OCTH 786, OCTH 800, OCTH 831, OCTH 832, and the elective course with a minimum of 24 credits earned at a 4.0. Focus of research project in OCTH 784 and OCTH 786 and capstone proposal in OCTH 800 must be in Mental Health.			
Subtotal for Mental Health specialization (including core curriculum coursework required as part of the specialization)			30	Subtotal for Mental Health specialization (including core curriculum coursework required as part of the specialization)			30
Total number of hours required for degree + Mental Health Specialization			117	Total number of hours required for degree + Mental Health Specialization			117

Rural/Underserved Specialization				Rural/Underserved Specialization			
OCTH	764 OR 774	Level II Fieldwork	6	OCTH	764 OR 774	Level II Fieldwork	6
OCTH	778	Level II Fieldwork in Rural/Underserved	6	OCTH	778	Level II Fieldwork in Rural/Underserved	6
OCTH	841	Capstone Experience in Rural/Underserved	10	OCTH	841	Capstone Experience in Rural/Underserved	10
OCTH	842	Capstone Project in Rural/Underserved	2	OCTH	842	Capstone Project in Rural/Underserved	2
Elective (choose one)				Elective (choose one)			

OCTH	759	Trauma Informed Care	3	OCTH	759	Trauma Informed Care	3
OCTH	592	Special Topic	3	OCTH	592	Special Topic	3
<p>Students must achieve a minimum of a 3.0 in OCTH 733, OCTH 734, OCTH 778, OCTH 784, OCTH 786, OCTH 800, OCTH 841, OCTH 842, and the elective course with a minimum of 24 credits earned at a 4.0. Focus of research project in OCTH 784 and OCTH 786 and capstone proposal in OCTH 800 must be in Rural/Underserved.</p>				<p>Students must achieve a minimum of a 3.0 in OCTH 733, OCTH 734, OCTH 778, OCTH 784, OCTH 786, OCTH 800, OCTH 841, OCTH 842, and the elective course with a minimum of 24 credits earned at a 4.0. Focus of research project in OCTH 784 and OCTH 786 and capstone proposal in OCTH 800 must be in Rural/Underserved.</p>			
Subtotal for Rural/Underserved specialization (including core curriculum coursework required as part of the specialization)			32	Subtotal for Rural/Underserved specialization (including core curriculum coursework required as part of the specialization)			32
Total number of hours required for degree + Rural/Underserved Specialization			117	Total number of hours required for degree + Rural/Underserved Specialization			117
<p>Accelerated OTD Program: Neuroscience, B.S.-Cognitive Neuroscience Specialization with OTD standard program and Accelerated OTD Program: B.S. - Kinesiology and Sport Management with OTD standard program. 3+3 PROGRAM OPTION (by application to the program through OTCAS) This program is available, by application, to eligible University of South Dakota students in the Neuroscience, B.S.-Cognitive Neuroscience specialization The following restrictions apply:</p> <p>a) be enrolled in a USD undergraduate program; b) earn 90 undergraduate credits by the end of the junior year;¹ c) meet all major, distribution, general education, and testing requirements in accord with institutional and regental policies, guidelines, and requirements by the end of the junior year; d) have at least a 3.25 cumulative GPA by the end of the junior year, and earn the following scores on the GRE: 40th percentile rank Verbal, 45th percentile rank Quantitative and a writing score of 4.0;² e) submit to the Occupational Therapy program a statement of interest regarding entry into the 3+3 program option by the beginning of the third semester; f) receive a letter of recommendation from the Neuroscience, BS program director attesting not only to the student's intellectual strengths, but also to the student's maturity, work ethic, and overall readiness for graduate school (in addition to the letters required from an occupational therapist or other health or social service provider and an employer as part of the standard OT admissions process); g) complete the standard application for admission to the OT Program through OTCAS. This may be completed as early as the sophomore year of the undergraduate curriculum if the following requirements are met and maintained: overall GPA of 3.5, science GPA of 3.2, No Cs in pre-requisite courses, GRE completed with minimal scores as defined above.</p> <p>²If a 3+3 program applicant moderately deviates from these requirements, and demonstrates evidence of extraordinary character, leadership, and maturity, the Occupational therapy program reserves the right to make an exception and grant admission in that case.</p>				<p>Accelerated OTD Program: Neuroscience, B.S.-Cognitive Neuroscience Specialization with OTD standard program and Accelerated OTD Program: B.S. - Kinesiology and Sport Management with OTD standard program and Accelerated OTD Program: B.S. - Health Sciences with Clinical Studies Specialization with OTD standard program 3+3 PROGRAM OPTION (by application to the program through OTCAS) This program is available, by application, to eligible University of South Dakota students in the Neuroscience, B.S.-Cognitive Neuroscience specialization, B.S.-Kinesiology and Sports Management, and B.S.-Health Sciences with Clinical Studies Specialization The following restrictions apply:</p> <p>h) be enrolled in a USD undergraduate program; i) earn 90 undergraduate credits by the end of the junior year;¹ j) meet all major, distribution, general education, and testing requirements in accord with institutional and regental policies, guidelines, and requirements by the end of the junior year; k) have at least a 3.25 cumulative GPA by the end of the junior year, and earn the following scores on the GRE: 40th percentile rank Verbal, 45th percentile rank Quantitative and a writing score of 4.0;² l) submit to the Occupational Therapy program a statement of interest regarding entry into the 3+3 program option by the beginning of the third semester; m) receive a letter of recommendation from the Neuroscience, BS program director attesting not only to the student's intellectual strengths, but also to the student's maturity, work ethic, and overall readiness for graduate school (in addition to the letters required from an occupational therapist or other health or social service provider and an employer as part of the standard OT admissions process); n) complete the standard application for admission to the OT Program through OTCAS. This may be completed as early as the sophomore year of the undergraduate curriculum if the following requirements are met and maintained: overall GPA of 3.5, science GPA of 3.2, No Cs in pre-requisite courses, GRE completed with minimal scores as defined above.</p> <p>²If a 3+3 program applicant moderately deviates from these requirements, and demonstrates evidence of extraordinary character, leadership, and maturity, the Occupational therapy program reserves the right to make an exception and grant admission in that case.</p>			
Total number of hours required for degree			114-117	Total number of hours required for degree			114-117

Existing Curriculum

Post Professional Doctor of Occupational Therapy, O.T.D.

Proposed Curriculum (highlight changes)

No changes

Pref.	Num	Title	Cr. Hrs	Pref.	Num	Title	Cr. Hrs.
OCTH	722	Evaluating Theories and Models of Practice in Occupational Therapy	2	OCTH	722	Evaluating Theories and Models of Practice in Occupational Therapy	2
OCTH	733	Promotion of Health & Prevention of Disability	3	OCTH	733	Promotion of Health & Prevention of Disability	3
OCTH	760	Leadership in Healthcare (2-3 cr)	2	OCTH	760	Leadership in Healthcare	3
OCTH	770	The Health Professional as Academic & Clinical Educator	2	OCTH	770	The Health Professional as Academic & Clinical Educator (2-3 cr)	3
OCTH	782	Advanced Research Methods	2	OCTH	782	Advanced Research Methods	2
OCTH	783	Applying Evidence-Based Practice in OT	1	OCTH	783	Applying Evidence-Based Practice in OT	1
OCTH	800	Capstone Proposal	1	OCTH	800	Capstone Proposal	1
OCTH	801	Capstone Experience (4-8 cr) (Students enroll twice, each for 4 cr)	8	OCTH	801	Capstone Experience (4-8 cr) (Students enroll twice, each for 4 cr)	8
OCTH	802	Capstone Project (1-2 cr)	2	OCTH	802	Capstone Project (1-2 cr)	2

Electives (Program Director approved) Options Included but are not limited to:				6	Electives (Program Director approved) Options Included but are not limited to:				6		
OCTH	759	Trauma-Informed Care: Pediatrics	3	OCTH	759	Trauma-Informed Care: Pediatrics	3	OCTH	759	Trauma-Informed Care: Pediatrics	3
OCTH	761	Prof Dev. & Field Experiences 3	1-3	OCTH	761	Prof Dev. & Field Experiences 3	1-3	OCTH	761	Prof Dev. & Field Experiences 3	1-3
OCTH	791	Special Project (C)	1-3	OCTH	791	Special Project (C)	1-3	OCTH	791	Special Project (C)	1-3
OCTH	792	Special Topics	3	OCTH	792	Special Topics	3	OCTH	792	Special Topics	3
Total number of hours required for degree				31	Total number of hours required for degree				31		

7. Explanation of the Change:

The University of South Dakota is proposing an accelerated pathway for the attainment of the Doctor of Occupational Therapy through a 3+3 option with the B.S. – Health Sciences with Clinical Studies Specialization.

Regional competitors such as Creighton University offer 3 +3 options: <https://spahp.creighton.edu/future-students/doctor-occupational-therapy/prerequisites> . In 1999, Creighton offered the first Doctor of Occupational Therapy degree in the nation, and it included a 3 +3 option. Prior to implementation of the 2011 ACOTE Standards, a baccalaureate degree was not required prior to admission to the doctorate. For these reasons, Creighton has always been a strong competitor. In 2016, USD’s OT program was accredited at the doctorate, the 12th in the nation to do so. With the adoption of the 2018 ACOTE Standards, the requirement for a baccalaureate degree prior to admission to the doctorate was removed. Creighton will admit students without a baccalaureate degree again beginning Fall 2020; other programs nationwide are also proposing 3 + 3 options. A link to Creighton’s pre-occupational therapy fact sheet indicates that applicants must complete a minimum of 60 credit hours of college coursework in addition to pre-OT prerequisites to apply. Applicants are not limited to those who have completed those credits at Creighton. <http://blogs.creighton.edu/edge/files/2019/07/Pre-Occupational-Therapy-Fact-Sheet.pdf>. Other occupational therapy doctoral programs that offer a 3 + 3 option in the expanded region include University of North Dakota (<https://und.edu/programs/occupational-therapy-otd/requirements.html>), College of St. Mary in Omaha (<http://www.csm.edu/academics/occupational-therapy-doctorate>), St. Ambrose in Iowa (<http://www.sau.edu/occupational-therapy/application-and-admission>), University of Missouri (<https://healthprofessions.missouri.edu/occupational-therapy/about/our-degrees/#occupational-therapy-doctorate-otd>), and University of Indianapolis (<https://www.uindy.edu/health-sciences/ot/otd-admission>).

The benefit of 3 + 3 offerings will be passed directly to students by better meeting their needs through financial savings and expedited degree attainment. USD Occupational Therapy graduates, the vast majority of whom stay in-state or within the 5-state region, will ultimately meet state and regional professional workforce needs and interests. The intent of these 3 + 3 options is to provide students with as many options as possible, to remain competitive in the region, and to prepare students well for graduate work and practice as an occupational therapist. No changes will be made to the standard Doctor of Occupational Therapy degree. The B.S. in Health Sciences with Clinical Studies Specialization prepares students for all practice contexts within the profession. The design of both 3 + 3 programs includes all prerequisite courses currently required of those applying to the OT program. Students complete 100 undergraduate credits toward the B.S. prior to enrolling in credits in the OTD program.

The Fast Track in OT option would benefit undergraduate students in Health Sciences program in two respects. First it would allow qualified students the option to complete both the undergraduate and doctoral degrees in six years rather than seven. This would be a significant cost reduction for those students. Second, the existence of the 3 + 3 programs would be a marketing opportunity to attract additional students who may not otherwise be looking at USD. This would be a revenue generator for USD. The Fast Track in OT option would become a win/win for USD as well as any interested students.